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Doubling of Rail Line
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce bullet trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenses likely to be incurred in this regard;

(c) the details of the routes identified for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) to (c): A joint feasibility study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Bullet Train) Corridor co- financed by India and Japan, which started in December 2013, has been completed in July, 2015. Government has initiated a feasibility study for Diamond Quadrilateral Network of High Speed Trains comprising of four sides i.e. (i) Delhi-Mumbai, (ii) Mumbai-Chennai, (iii) Chennai-Kolkata, (iv) Kolkata-Delhi; and both diagonals i.e. (v) Delhi-Chennai and (vi) Mumbai-Kolkata. Approximate cost of High Speed Rail Corridor is ` 100-140 crores per kilometer.

(d): No time frame has been fixed for introducing bullet trains.
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